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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: 9/11 ANNIVERSARY, U.S. FOREIGN
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This countrywide cable reports on relevant media
reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press.
The Mission reports on English-language media via email
through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

9/11 ANNIVERSARY

¶1. "THE SHADOW OF 9/11 CONTINUES TO LINGER," editorial
in September 11 centrist Marathi daily, NAVSHAKTI:
"America became alert to the dangers of Islamic
fundamentalism after the 9/11 attacks... But the counter-
insurgency and counter-terrorism measures of the U.S.
have their limitations, mainly because the U.S. is
dependent on Pakistan, particularly the ISI, in its
search of the 9/11 perpetrators. That is an irony in
itself. Can an Islamic country, known for its
fundamentalist stance, be trusted as an ally in the war
against terror?"

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

¶2. "AMERICA'S STRATEGIC BLUNDER" editorial in
September 11 right-of-center Gujarati daily, MUMBAI
SAMACHAR: "America's lack of 'strategic depth' while
formulating its Pakistan policy is fraught with
hazards. Despite treating Pakistan as a front-line
ally in the war against terrorism, America has not

achieved desired results in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
The answer is clear: America does not enjoy Pakistan's
military support... It is high time for this superpower
nation to introspect vis-à-vis its foreign policy
initiatives failing which it may have to pay another
heavy price."

SINO-INDIA RELATIONS

¶3. "CHINA'S AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE," commentary in
September 10 right of center Hindi daily, DAINIK
JAGRA, by strategic affairs specialist Brahma
Chellaney: "China's muscle-flexing along the Himalayan
frontier has dissipated hopes of a politically
negotiated territorial-disputes settlement.... Increasing
Chinese intrusions and border tensions are creating a
1962-like situation. Besides China's geo-strategic
advantage, internationally, several factors are
contributing to its greater assertiveness toward India.
First, India's growing strategic ties with the U.S. The
Obama administration's silence on the China-India
boundary tensions reflects a fact that U.S.'s Asia
policy is no longer guided by an overarching
geopolitical framework as it had been during the Bush
administration. Another factor is the weakening of
China's Pakistan card against India."

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PAKISTAN

¶4. "A.Q. KHAN'S REVELATIONS," editorial in September 10
right of center Hindi daily, AMAR UJALA: "Pakistani
rogue scientist A.Q. Khan's new revelations not only
expose his misdeeds, but also underline the role of the
European and Gulf countries and the U.S.... Is nuclear
material so easily available that Khan could get it
when and where he wanted? Pakistan's nuclear program
and its proliferation to other countries could have not
have been possible without the government's support.
The U.S. is also responsible for this. India's 1993
nuclear tests had to face strong U.S. opposition, but
the latter kept quiet on Pakistan's nuclear program."
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